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CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PLAYERS IN OLYMPICS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for selection of players for Olympics;

(b) whether weightlifter Malleshwari was not at all fit for Olympic 2004;

(c) if so, the reasons for spending a huge amount on her and sent her in Olympics 2004; and

(d) the total amount expended on her for her training sessions before Olympics and on boarding, lodging, etc. at the time of Olympics 2004?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) For participation in 2004 Olympics, individuals/teams had to qualify/achieve the qualifying standards/norms fixed by the International sports federations/International Olympic Committee in identified international competitions. However, in the disciplines of Athletics and Swimming which are measurable, timings/standards are fixed by the international federation to be achieved during national and international competitions. Accordingly, selection for participation is made by the concerned National Sports Federations based on the performance.

(b) & (c): The Indian Olympic Association and Indian Weightlifting Federation has reported that she was fit before leaving for Athens.

(d) An amount of Rs.14,65,241/- was spent on the 6 member team (including Ms. Malleshwari) which had pre-Olympic Training at Minsk in June-July, 2004. Besides this she had also been imparted training in coaching camps at SAI Centres earlier.

For participation in the Olympics Games, 2004 the organizers provided free travel and boarding & lodging. She was paid USD550 towards out of Pocket allowance for 11 days of stay at Athens and expenditure of Rs.10,000/- was incurred on her ceremonial and competition kit.